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AN ACT

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to improve the results and accountability of microenterprise development assistance programs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Microenterprise Re-
3 sults and Accountability Act of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND POLICY.**

5 Congress finds and declares the following:

6 (1) Congress has demonstrated its support for
7 microenterprise development assistance programs
8 through the enactment of two comprehensive micro-
9 enterprise laws:

10 (A) The Microenterprise for Self-Reliance
11 Act of 2000 (title I of Public Law 106–309;
12 114 Stat. 1082).

13 (B) Public Law 108–31 (an Act entitled
14 “An Act to amend the Microenterprise for Self-
15 Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assist-
16 ance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the
17 poorest people in developing countries under
18 microenterprise assistance program under those
19 Acts, and for other purposes”, approved June
20 17, 2003).

21 (2) The report on the effectiveness of the
22 United States Agency for International Develop-
23 ment’s microfinance program, prepared by the Con-
24 sultative Group to Assist the Poor, rated the Agency
25 in the top tier of the 17 donors in this field.

1 (3) The Comptroller General, in a report dated
2 November 2003, found that the United States Agen-
3 cy for International Development has met some, but
4 not all, of the key objectives of such microenterprise
5 development assistance programs.

6 (4) The Comptroller General’s report found,
7 among other things, the following:

8 (A) Microenterprise development assistance
9 generally can help alleviate some impacts of
10 poverty, improve income levels and quality of
11 life for borrowers and provide poor individuals,
12 workers, and their families with an important
13 coping mechanism.

14 (B) Microenterprise development assist-
15 ance programs of the United States Agency for
16 International Development have encouraged
17 women’s participation in microfinance projects
18 and, according to data of the Agency, women
19 have comprised two-thirds or more of the micro-
20 loan clients in Agency-funded microenterprise
21 projects since 1997.

22 (5)(A) The Comptroller General’s report rec-
23 ommends that the Administrator of the United
24 States Agency for International Development review
25 the Agency’s “microenterprise results reporting”

1 system with the goal of ensuring that its annual re-
2 porting is complete and accurate.

3 (B) Specifically, the Administrator should re-
4 view and reconsider the methodologies used for the
5 collection, analysis, and reporting of data on annual
6 spending targets, outreach to the very poor, sustain-
7 ability of microfinance institutions, and the contribu-
8 tion of Agency’s funding to the institutions it sup-
9 ports.

10 **SEC. 3. MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.**

11 Chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act
12 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2166 et seq.) is amended by inserting
13 after title V the following new title:

14 “TITLE VI—MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
15 ASSISTANCE

16 **“SEC. 251. FINDINGS AND POLICY.**

17 “Congress finds and declares the following:

18 “(1) Access to financial services and the devel-
19 opment of microenterprise are vital factors in the
20 stable growth of developing countries and in the de-
21 velopment of free, open, and equitable international
22 economic systems.

23 “(2) It is therefore in the best interest of the
24 United States to facilitate access to financial serv-

1 ices and assist the development of microenterprise in
2 developing countries.

3 “(3) Access to financial services and the devel-
4 opment of microenterprises can be supported by pro-
5 grams providing credit, savings, training, technical
6 assistance, business development services, and other
7 financial services.

8 “(4) Given the relatively high percentage of
9 populations living in rural areas of developing coun-
10 tries, and the combined high incidence of poverty in
11 rural areas and growing income inequality between
12 rural and urban markets, microenterprise programs
13 should target both rural and urban poor.

14 “(5) Microenterprise programs have been suc-
15 cessful and should continue to empower vulnerable
16 women in the developing world. The Agency should
17 work to ensure that recipients of microenterprise
18 and microfinance development assistance under this
19 title communicate and work with nongovernmental
20 organizations and government organizations to iden-
21 tify and assist victims of trafficking as provided for
22 in section 106(a)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-
23 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7104(a)(1); Public
24 Law 106–386) and women who are victims of or

1 susceptible to other forms of exploitation and vio-
2 lence.

3 “(6) Given that microenterprise programs have
4 been successful in empowering disenfranchised
5 groups such as women, microenterprise programs
6 should also target populations disenfranchised due to
7 race or ethnicity in countries where a strong rela-
8 tionship between poverty and race or ethnicity has
9 been demonstrated, such as countries in Latin
10 America.

11 **“SEC. 252. AUTHORIZATION; IMPLEMENTATION; TARGETED**
12 **ASSISTANCE.**

13 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The President is authorized
14 to provide assistance on a non-reimbursable basis for pro-
15 grams in developing countries to increase the availability
16 of credit, savings, and other services to microfinance and
17 microenterprise clients lacking full access to capital, train-
18 ing, technical assistance, and business development serv-
19 ices, through—

20 “(1) assistance for the purpose of expanding
21 the availability of credit, savings, and other financial
22 and non-financial services to microfinance and
23 microenterprise clients;

24 “(2) assistance for the purpose of training,
25 technical assistance, and business development serv-

1 ices for microenterprises to enable them to make
2 better use of credit, to better manage their enter-
3 prises, to conduct market analysis and product de-
4 velopment for expanding domestic and international
5 sales, particularly to United States markets, and to
6 increase their income and build their assets;

7 “(3) capacity-building for microfinance and
8 microenterprise institutions in order to enable them
9 to better meet the credit, savings, and training needs
10 of microfinance and microenterprise clients; and

11 “(4) policy, regulatory programs, and research
12 at the country level that improve the environment
13 for microfinance and microenterprise clients and in-
14 stitutions that serve the poor and very poor.

15 “(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

16 “(1) OFFICE OF MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOP-
17 MENT.—There is established within the Agency an
18 office of microenterprise development, which shall be
19 headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the
20 Administrator and who should possess technical ex-
21 pertise and ability to offer leadership in the field of
22 microenterprise development.

23 “(2) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—

24 “(A) USE OF IMPLEMENTING PARTNER
25 ORGANIZATIONS.—Assistance under this section

1 shall emphasize the use of implementing part-
2 ner organizations that best meet the require-
3 ments of subparagraph (C).

4 “(B) USE OF CENTRAL FUNDING MECHA-
5 NISMS.—

6 “(i) PROGRAM.—In order to ensure
7 that assistance under this title is distrib-
8 uted effectively and efficiently, the office
9 shall also seek to implement a program of
10 central funding under which assistance is
11 administered directly by the office, includ-
12 ing through targeted core support for
13 microfinance and microenterprise networks
14 and other practitioners.

15 “(ii) FUNDING.—Of the amount made
16 available to carry out this subtitle for a fis-
17 cal year, not less than \$25,000,000 should
18 be made available to carry out clause (i).

19 “(C) EFFICIENCY AND COST-EFFECTIVE-
20 NESS.—Assistance under this section shall meet
21 high standards of efficiency, cost-effectiveness,
22 and sustainability and shall especially provide
23 the greatest possible resources to the poor and
24 very poor. When administering assistance under
25 this section, the Administrator shall—

1 “(i) take into consideration the per-
2 centage of funds a provider of assistance
3 intends to expend on administrative costs;

4 “(ii) take all appropriate steps to en-
5 sure that the provider of assistance keeps
6 administrative costs as low as practicable
7 to ensure the maximum amount of funds
8 are used for directly assisting microfinance
9 and microenterprise clients, for estab-
10 lishing sustainable microfinance and micro-
11 enterprise institutions, or for advancing
12 the microenterprise development field; and

13 “(iii) give preference to proposals
14 from providers of assistance that are the
15 most technically competitive and have a
16 reasonable allocation to overhead and ad-
17 ministrative costs.

18 “(3) APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLANS.—With
19 respect to assistance provided under this section, the
20 office shall be responsible for concurring in the
21 microenterprise development components of strategic
22 plans of missions, bureaus, and other offices of the
23 Agency and providing technical support to field mis-
24 sions to help the missions prepare such components.

1 “(c) TARGETED ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out sus-
2 tainable poverty-focused programs under subsection (a),
3 50 percent of all microenterprise resources shall be tar-
4 geted to clients who are very poor. Specifically, until Sep-
5 tember 30, 2006, such resources shall be used for—

6 “(1) support of programs under this section
7 through practitioner institutions that—

8 “(A) provide credit and other financial
9 services to clients who are very poor, with loans
10 in 1995 United States dollars of—

11 “(i) \$1,000 or less in the Europe and
12 Eurasia region;

13 “(ii) \$400 or less in the Latin Amer-
14 ica region; and

15 “(iii) \$300 or less in the rest of the
16 world; and

17 “(B) can cover their costs in a reasonable
18 time period; or

19 “(2) demand-driven business development pro-
20 grams that achieve reasonable cost recovery that are
21 provided to clients holding poverty loans (as defined
22 by the regional poverty loan limitations in paragraph
23 (1)(A)), whether they are provided by microfinance
24 institutions or by specialized business development
25 services providers.

1 **“SEC. 253. MONITORING SYSTEM.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to maximize the sus-
3 tainable development impact of assistance authorized
4 under section 252(a), the Administrator of the Agency,
5 acting through the Director of the office, shall strengthen
6 its monitoring system to meet the requirements of sub-
7 section (b).

8 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements referred to
9 in subsection (a) are the following:

10 “(1) The monitoring system shall include per-
11 formance goals for the assistance and expresses such
12 goals in an objective and quantifiable form, to the
13 extent feasible.

14 “(2) The monitoring system shall include per-
15 formance indicators to be used in measuring or as-
16 sessing the achievement of the performance goals de-
17 scribed in paragraph (1) and the objectives of the
18 assistance authorized under section 252.

19 “(3) The monitoring system provides a basis for
20 recommendations for adjustments to the assistance
21 to enhance the sustainability and the impact of the
22 assistance, particularly the impact of such assistance
23 on the very poor, particularly poor women.

24 “(4) The monitoring system adopts the wide-
25 spread use of proven and effective poverty assess-
26 ment tools to successfully identify the very poor and

1 ensure that they receive adequate access to micro-
2 enterprise loans, savings, and assistance.

3 **“SEC. 254. DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF POV-**
4 **ERTY MEASUREMENT METHODS; APPLICA-**
5 **TION OF METHODS.**

6 “(a) DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
8 Agency, in consultation with microenterprise institu-
9 tions and other appropriate organizations, shall de-
10 velop no fewer than two low-cost methods for imple-
11 menting partner organizations to use to assess the
12 poverty levels of their current incoming or prospec-
13 tive clients. The Administrator shall develop poverty
14 indicators that correlate with the circumstances of
15 the very poor.

16 “(2) FIELD TESTING.—The Administrator shall
17 field-test the methods developed under paragraph
18 (1). As part of the testing, institutions and pro-
19 grams may use the methods on a voluntary basis to
20 demonstrate their ability to reach the very poor.

21 “(3) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than April 1,
22 2005, the Administrator shall, from among the low-
23 cost poverty measurement methods developed under
24 paragraph (1), certify no fewer than two such meth-
25 ods as approved methods for measuring the poverty

1 levels of current, incoming, or prospective clients of
2 microenterprise institutions for purposes of assist-
3 ance under section 252.

4 “(b) APPLICATION.—The Administrator shall require
5 that, with reasonable exceptions, all implementing partner
6 organizations applying for microenterprise assistance
7 under this title use one of the certified methods, beginning
8 not later than October 1, 2006, to determine and report
9 the poverty levels of current, incoming, or prospective cli-
10 ents.

11 **“SEC. 255. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.**

12 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
13 amounts made available for assistance for microenterprise
14 development assistance under any provision of law other
15 than this title may be provided to further the purposes
16 of this title. To the extent assistance described in the pre-
17 ceding sentence is provided in accordance with such sen-
18 tence, the Administrator of the Agency shall include, as
19 part of the report required under section 258, a detailed
20 description of such assistance and, to the extent applica-
21 ble, the information required by paragraphs (1) through
22 (11) of subsection (b) of such section with respect to such
23 assistance.”.

1 **SEC. 4. MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CREDITS.**

2 (a) TRANSFER.—Section 108 of the Foreign Assist-
3 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151f) is hereby—

4 (1) transferred from chapter 1 of part I of the
5 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to title VI of chap-
6 ter 2 of part I of such Act (as added by section 3
7 of this Act); and

8 (2) inserted after section 255 of the Foreign
9 Assistance Act of 1961.

10 (b) REDESIGNATION.—Title VI of chapter 2 of part
11 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by
12 redesignating section 108 (as added by subsection (a)) as
13 section 256.

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title VI of chap-
15 ter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is
16 amended—

17 (1) by inserting after the title heading the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “Subtitle A—Grant Assistance”;

20 (2) by inserting after section 255 the following:

21 “Subtitle B—Credit Assistance”; and

22 (3) in section 256 (as redesignated by sub-
23 section (b))—

24 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
25 of subsection (c), by striking “Administrator of
26 the agency primarily responsible for admin-

1 istering this part” and inserting “Administrator
2 of the Agency”; and

3 (B) in subsection (f)(1)—

4 (i) by striking “section 131” and in-
5 serting “this part”; and

6 (ii) by striking “\$1,500,000 for each
7 of fiscal years 2001 through 2004” and in-
8 serting “such sums as may be necessary
9 for each of the fiscal years 2005 through
10 2009”.

11 **SEC. 5. UNITED STATES MICROFINANCE LOAN FACILITY.**

12 (a) TRANSFER.—Section 132 of the Foreign Assist-
13 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2152b) is hereby—

14 (1) transferred from chapter 1 of part I of the
15 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to title VI of chap-
16 ter 2 of part I of such Act (as added by section 3
17 of this Act); and

18 (2) inserted after section 256 of the Foreign
19 Assistance Act of 1961 (as added by section 4 of
20 this Act).

21 (b) REDESIGNATION.—Title VI of chapter 2 of part
22 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by
23 redesignating section 132 (as added by subsection (a)) as
24 section 257.

(1) by inserting after section 256 the following:

“Subtitle C—United States Microfinance Loan Facility”;

and

7 (2) in section 257 (as redesignated by sub-
8 section (b))—

9 (A) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “2001
10 and 2002” and inserting “2005 through 2009”;

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) of subsection (d)(1), by striking “this part for the fiscal year 2001, up to \$5,000,000” and inserting “this part for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2009, such sums as may be necessary”; and

17 (C) by striking subsection (e).

18 SEC. 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Title VI of chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assist-
ance Act of 1961 (as added by section 3 of this Act and
amended by sections 4 and 5 of this Act) is further
amended by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

1 “Subtitle D—Miscellaneous Provisions

2 **“SEC. 258. REPORT.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 30, 2006,
4 and each June 30 thereafter, the Administrator of the
5 Agency, acting through the Director of the office, shall
6 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
7 port that contains a detailed description of the implemen-
8 tation of this title for the previous fiscal year.

9 “(b) CONTENTS.—The report shall contain the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(1) The number of grants, cooperative agree-
12 ments, contracts, contributions, or other form of as-
13 sistance provided under section 252, with a listing
14 of—

15 “(A) the amount of each grant, cooperative
16 agreement, contract, contribution, or other form
17 of assistance;

18 “(B) the name of each recipient and each
19 developing country with respect to which
20 projects or activities under the grant, coopera-
21 tive agreement, contract, contribution, or other
22 form of assistance were carried out; and

23 “(C) a listing of the number of countries
24 receiving assistance authorized by section 252.

1 “(2) The results of the monitoring system re-
2 quired under section 253.

3 “(3) The process of developing and applying
4 poverty assessment procedures required under sec-
5 tion 254.

6 “(4) The percentage of assistance furnished
7 under section 252 that was allocated to the very
8 poor based on the data collected using the certified
9 methods required by section 254.

10 “(5) The estimated number of the very poor
11 reached with assistance provided under section 252.

12 “(6) The amount of assistance provided under
13 section 252 through central mechanisms.

14 “(7) The name of each country that receives as-
15 sistance under section 256 and the amount of such
16 assistance.

17 “(8) Information on the efforts of the Agency
18 to ensure that recipients of United States micro-
19 enterprise and microfinance development assistance
20 work closely with nongovernmental organizations
21 and foreign governments to identify and assist vic-
22 tims or potential victims of severe forms of traf-
23 ficking in persons and women who are victims of or
24 susceptible to other forms of exploitation and vio-
25 lence.

1 “(9) Any additional information relating to the
2 provision of assistance authorized by this title, in-
3 cluding the use of the poverty measurement tools re-
4 quired by section 254, or additional information on
5 assistance provided by the United States to support
6 microenterprise development under this title or any
7 other provision of law.

8 “(10) An estimate of the percentage of bene-
9 ficiaries of assistance under this title in countries
10 where a strong relationship between poverty and
11 race or ethnicity has been demonstrated.

12 “(11) The level of funding provided through
13 contracts, the level of funding provided through
14 grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements that is
15 estimated to be subgranted or subcontracted, as the
16 case may be, to direct service providers, and an
17 analysis of the comparative cost-effectiveness and
18 sustainability of projects carried out under these
19 mechanisms.

20 “(c) AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.—The report required
21 by this section shall be made available to the public on
22 the Internet website of the Agency.

23 **“SEC. 259. DEFINITIONS.**

24 “In this title:

1 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-
2 trator’ means the Administrator of the Agency.

3 “(2) AGENCY.—The term ‘Agency’ means the
4 United States Agency for International Develop-
5 ment.

6 “(3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
7 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees’ means the Committee on International Re-
9 lations of the House of Representatives and the
10 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

11 “(4) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.—The
12 term ‘business development services’ means support
13 for the growth of microenterprises through training,
14 technical assistance, marketing assistance, improved
15 production technologies, and other related services.

16 “(5) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
17 the Director of the office.

18 “(6) IMPLEMENTING PARTNER ORGANIZA-
19 TION.—The term ‘implementing partner organiza-
20 tion’ means an entity eligible to receive assistance
21 under this title which is—

22 “(A) a United States or an indigenous pri-
23 vate voluntary organization;

24 “(B) a United States or an indigenous
25 credit union;

1 “(C) a United States or an indigenous co-
2 operative organization;

3 “(D) an indigenous governmental or non-
4 governmental organization;

5 “(E) a microenterprise institution;

6 “(F) a microfinance institution; or

7 “(G) a practitioner institution.

8 “(7) MICROENTERPRISE INSTITUTION.—The
9 term ‘microenterprise institution’ means a not-for-
10 profit entity that provides services, including micro-
11 finance, training, or business development services,
12 for microenterprise clients in foreign countries.

13 “(8) MICROFINANCE INSTITUTION.—The term
14 ‘microfinance institution’ means a not-for-profit enti-
15 ty or a regulated financial intermediary that directly
16 provides, or works to expand, the availability of
17 credit, savings, and other financial services to micro-
18 finance and microenterprise clients in foreign coun-
19 tries.

20 “(9) MICROFINANCE NETWORK.—The term
21 ‘microfinance network’ means an affiliated group of
22 practitioner institutions that provides services to its
23 members, including financing, technical assistance,
24 and accreditation, for the purpose of promoting the

1 financial sustainability and societal impact of micro-
2 enterprise assistance.

3 “(10) OFFICE.—The term ‘office’ means the of-
4 fice of microenterprise development established
5 under section 252(b)(1).

6 “(11) PRACTITIONER INSTITUTION.—The term
7 ‘practitioner institution’ means a not-for-profit enti-
8 ty or a regulated financial intermediary, including a
9 microfinance network, that provides services, includ-
10 ing microfinance, training, or business development
11 services, for microfinance and microenterprise cli-
12 ents, or provides assistance to microenterprise insti-
13 tutions in foreign countries.

14 “(12) PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION.—
15 The term ‘private voluntary organization’ means a
16 not-for-profit entity that—

17 “(A) engages in and supports activities of
18 an economic or social development or humani-
19 tarian nature for citizens in foreign countries;
20 and

21 “(B) is incorporated as such under the
22 laws of the United States, including any of its
23 states, territories or the District of Columbia,
24 or of a foreign country.

1 “(13) UNITED STATES-SUPPORTED MICRO-
2 FINANCE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘United States-
3 supported microfinance institution’ means a finan-
4 cial intermediary that has received funds made avail-
5 able under this part for fiscal year 1980 or any sub-
6 sequent fiscal year.

7 “(14) VERY POOR.—The term ‘very poor’
8 means those individuals—

9 “(A) living in the bottom 50 percent below
10 the poverty line established by the national gov-
11 ernment of the country in which those individ-
12 uals live; or

13 “(B) living on less than the equivalent of
14 \$1 per day (as calculated using the purchasing
15 power parity (PPP) exchange rate method).”.

16 **SEC. 7. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

17 It is the sense of Congress that, in carrying out title
18 VI of chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act
19 of 1961 (as added by section 3 of this Act and amended
20 by sections 4 through 6 of this Act), the Administrator
21 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
22 ment—

23 (1) where applicable, should ensure that micro-
24 enterprise development assistance provided under
25 such title is matched by recipients with an equal

1 amount of assistance from non-United States Gov-
2 ernment sources, including private donations, multi-
3 lateral funding, commercial and concessional bor-
4 rowing, savings, and program income;

5 (2) should include in the report required by sec-
6 tion 258 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (as
7 added by section 6 of this Act) a description of all
8 matching assistance (as described in paragraph (1))
9 provided for the prior year by recipients of micro-
10 enterprise development assistance under such title;

11 (3) should ensure that recipients of microenter-
12 prise development assistance under such title do not
13 expend an unreasonably large percentage of such as-
14 sistance on administrative costs;

15 (4) should not use recipients of microenterprise
16 development assistance under such title to carry out
17 critical management functions of the Agency, includ-
18 ing functions such as strategy development or overall
19 management of programs in a country; and

20 (5) should consult with the appropriate congres-
21 sional committees with respect to the implementa-
22 tion of title VI of chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign
23 Assistance Act of 1961 not later than 90 days after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 8. REPEALS.**

2 (a) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section
3 131 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
4 2152a) is hereby repealed.

5 (b) PUBLIC LAW 108–31.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of Public Law
7 108–31 (22 U.S.C. 2151f note) is amended by strik-
8 ing subsection (b).

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4 of
10 Public Law 108–31 is amended by striking “(a)”
11 and all that follows through “Not later” and insert-
12 ing “Not later”.

13 **SEC. 9. REFERENCES.**

14 Any reference in a law, regulation, agreement, or
15 other document of the United States to section 108, 131,
16 or 132 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall be
17 deemed to be a reference to subtitle B of title VI of chap-
18 ter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961,
19 subtitle A of title VI of chapter 2 of part I of such Act,

1 or subtitle C of title VI of chapter 2 of part I of such
2 Act, respectively.

Passed the House of Representatives November 20,
2004.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.